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Khaled receives Palestinian group

BAHRAIN (R) — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia met a Palestinian commando military mission in Riyadh on Sunday, the Saudi press agency said. It gave no details about the talks, which were held on the second day of a visit by the team to the kingdom. The team's leader, Khalil Al Wazir, of Fateh, the main Palestinian commando group, told the Saudi newspaper Al Jazeera he expected anti-Israeli violence in occupied Arab territories would escalate in the next few days.

Traffic at Ghor Nimrin at a standstill

GHOR NIMRIN, Jordan (R) — Tension on the Israeli-occupied West Bank has brought traffic to a virtual standstill at the Jordan Valley checkpoint of Ghor Nimrin. Palestinians from Ramallah, Al Bireh, Nablus and Hebron, the towns most affected by the troubles, have been banned from travelling and the Israeli occupation authorities have imposed new restrictions on trucks crossing the River Jordan. A Jordanian official said Israel had limited travellers to the West Bank to JD 300 in cash after a PLO-Jordanian committee decided to provide financial aid for West Bank Palestinians.

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Qaddouri returns after Tunis talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Secretary-General Fakhri Qaddouri returned to Amman Sunday after participating in the Arab League Council's 37th session in Tunis. During his stay in Tunis, Dr. Qaddouri held talks with the Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi on a number of issues pertaining to cooperation between the Arab League and the Amman-based CAEU. He also held talks with Arab delegates on ways of bolstering Arab economic integration and achieving Arab economic unity.

EEC calls for independent approach

OXFORD, England (R) — Pieter Dankert, president of the European Parliament, called Sunday for a more independent European approach to Western security. He said in a speech here that Western Europe needed to seek greater unity on security matters to try to balance the influence of the United States in the Atlantic alliance. According to the prepared text of his speech, he said: "Alliance security policy inevitably reflects the wishes and concerns of the strongest member and European influence is inevitably muted because we rarely present a common agreed position." Mr. Dankert's speech, at a conference organised by the Journal of Common Market studies at St. Catherine's College, reflected widespread public concern in Western Europe over current U.S. policies.

Policeman shot dead in Northern Ireland

LONDON (R) — Northern Ireland (R) — Gunmen shot dead a policeman as he left a church service in Londonderry on Sunday, police said. They said the gunman, believed to be a member of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, had apparently been shadowing the victim for some time. He was the first full-time member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) to be killed by urban guerrillas since last November. During the past 13 years of violence in Northern Ireland, 54 reservists and 109 full-time members of the RUC have lost their lives.

Nuclear war toll 'would be in billions'

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — U.S. Senator Alan Cranston said Sunday more than three billion people, about 80 per cent of the world's population, could be killed in an all-out nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union. Sen. Cranston, the second ranking Democrat in the Senate, also said the war would not only kill all the people who live in the northern hemisphere, but that millions more living below the Equator in the southern hemisphere would probably die from the effects of fallout. He said there is a view among some scientists that nuclear war could exterminate the human race. Sen. Cranston made his remarks in a speech for a foreign policy conference at Columbia University in New York. His comments were released by his Washington office.

Navon tours Jewish settlements

YAMIT, Sinai (R) — Israel's President Yitzhak Navon toured Israeli settlements in northern Sinai on Sunday as Jewish ultra-nationalists continued to fortify improvised bunkers, vowing to resist the imminent evacuation of the region and its return to Egyptian rule. The president's visit took place only three days before the last of several thousand Israeli settlers were due to leave the area prior to its handover to Egypt by midnight on April 25. As the president conferred with representatives of the settlers in this Mediterranean coastal town of 3,000 residents, members of a small extremist group kept watch on a hilltop air raid shelter, threatening "God's wrath" on any soldier who tried to remove them.

Saudis warn war with Iraq is part of Iranian hegemony plan

KUWAIT (R) — Saudi Arabia's interior minister, calling Iran the "terrorist of the Gulf," accused it in an interview published Sunday of seeking to install pro-Tehran regimes throughout the region. But Prince Nayef Ibn Abdul Aziz told the Kuwait daily Al-Siyassa that Saudi Arabia wanted good relations with Iran to maintain stability. "Iran has become the terrorist of the Gulf who wants to destabilise the area," said Prince Nayef, a senior member of the Saudi ruling family. He was repeating a statement he made after signing a security pact with Bahrain three months ago. The agreement was concluded after Saudi Arabia said it was also a target of an Iranian-backed attempt to overthrow the Bahrain government in December. Prince Nayef described the 18-month-old Iran-Iraq war as part of a conflict between Iran and all Arab Gulf states. "The conflict with Iran is not only a war between Iraq and Iran," he said. "It is (Iran's) ambition to control the Arab side (of the Gulf) beginning with Bahrain and ending with all other states by trying to install pro-Iranian regimes." The Saudi minister also charged that Iran had set up arms training camps for dissident youths from Arab Gulf states. Saudi Arabia, a member of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council, has also concluded security accords with three other members of the council — Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar — besides Bahrain. Prince Nayef noted in Sunday's interview that Kuwait alone of the council members had not signed such an agreement with the kingdom "despite decisions by the council to sign a collective security agreement."

Islamic seminar to mediate

COLOMBO (R) — An International seminar on Islam decided Sunday to send a delegation to mediate between Iraq and Iran in an effort to end the 18-month-old Gulf war. The co-chairman of the seminar, Sri Lankan Transport and Muslim Affairs Minister Mohammad Haniffa Mohammad, told the meeting that both countries had agreed to accept the delegation. A conference spokesman said the composition of the delegation and the dates of its visits would be decided later.

Bahrain trial reportedly adjourned for another week

MANAMA, Bahrain (A.P.) — The trial of 73 Gulf nationals accused of plotting to establish an Iranian-style Shiite Islamic republic in Bahrain last December has been adjourned for another week, according to Gulf press reports Sunday. The UAE newspaper Khaleej Times said the adjournment came at a hearing Saturday at the request of defence attorneys, who wanted more time to study the indictment and prosecution evidence. The opening session was held March 13 amid tight security, with only a few local reporters and relatives of defendants attending. The trial was postponed for two weeks at that time, also at the request of the defence. Saturday's session was not even reported in local media, evidently in an effort to keep publicity about the trial to a minimum. Khaleej Times carried for the first time Sunday some names of the 73 defendants and said they all faced the death sentence or life imprisonment according to new amendments in the Bahrain penal code. The group includes some nationals from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Oman. They are accused of illegal possession of explosives and firearms, of plotting to stage a coup on Bahrain's national day last Dec. 16, and of communications with a foreign power (Iran) in a bid to overthrow the Bahrain government.

Columbia set for touchdown on schedule

HOUSTON, Texas (R) — Astronauts Jack Louma and Gordon Fullerton collected some final scientific data on Sunday as they prepared to bring the space shuttle Columbia home on schedule on Monday after a week-long test mission. Flight Director Tommy Holloway told reporters this morning that the weather looked good for a 1927 GMT touchdown on a desert landing strip at New Mexico's white sands missile range. He said the latest weather information from the area, which in the past few days has had high winds kicking up sand storms, showed that "Monday will be an acceptable day for de-orbit." Mr. Holloway said minor adjustments were made to the astronauts' schedule as they approached their sixth full day in space to give them an extra hour of rest on Sunday night. Their test of the flight control system, which will take the Columbia back into the atmosphere from its orbit 130 nautical miles above the earth, went well, a mission control spokesman said. Space agency officials proclaimed the third test mission of the shuttle a complete success despite several mechanical failures. The Columbia more than doubled the duration of the combined total of its first two missions. Several problems experienced by the Columbia during the mission caused some concern among officials at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, but nothing was serious enough to force a curtailed flight. Chief Flight Director Neil Hutchinson said on Saturday night that despite the minor problems, "you've got to really be pleased with the performance of the vehicle and the people and the whole system." The Columbia's 15-metre long cargo-moving arm performed impeccably, proving that the reusable spacecraft was capable of handling satellites and carrying commercial freight in future flights. Mr. Hutchinson said. But about 37 of the spaceship's 31,000 insulating tiles had been lost in the initial stages, although they were not in the critical areas needed to protect the craft from the searing heat of atmospheric re-entry. Also, part of the communications system which carries voice and data transmissions to and from the earth was knocked out but, as with most of the major components of the Columbia, a backup was available to take up the slack. Two television cameras mounted on the exterior of the shuttle also failed, forcing cancellation of one scientific experiment, but scientists were described as overjoyed with the data they received from other equipment. If all goes according to plan, Columbia will fire de-orbit engines over the Indian Ocean near the end of its 115th orbit after more than 170 hours in space. The shuttle was launched from Florida's Kennedy Space Centre last Monday morning.

Speculations raised on Brezhnev's health

MOSCOW (R) — The sudden postponement of a visit by South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad led to new speculation among foreign diplomats on Sunday about President Leonid Brezhnev's health. Mr. Brezhnev, 75, looked extremely tired when he left Tashkent on Friday to return to Moscow from a provincial trip. Unusually, Soviet Television showed no film of his return to the capital. On Saturday TASS news agency announced that a working visit by the South Yemeni head of state, due to begin on Monday, had been postponed by mutual agreement. South Yemeni diplomats said they had no further details on why the visit had been postponed, but Arab observers in Moscow said the initiative had probably come from the Soviet side. They said political preparations for the visit had apparently been completed during a visit to Aden from March 17 to 24 by Karen Brutents, deputy head of the Soviet Communist Party's International Department. The initial announcement of the visit was made on March 19, when Mr. Brutents was still in South Yemen. Foreign diplomats said Saturday's announcement, which said the visit would take place at a later date, was similar to one issued three years ago when French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing had to put off a trip to Moscow at short notice. On that occasion Soviet officials told their French counterparts that Mr. Brezhnev had flu. Nothing is said officially about Mr. Brezhnev's state of health but he is known to need frequent periods of rest. Diplomats said the most likely explanation for the postponement of Monday's visit was that Mr. Brezhnev had been advised by his doctors to rest after an exhausting trip to Uzbekistan last week. During the four-day trip he visited two factories and a farm, delivered a 45-minute speech and held meetings with local officials. Informal sources said his original programme had included at least one other engagement which was cancelled.



Two Israeli border policemen (right) go after a Palestinian near the Nablus cashah on Saturday morning during a demonstration in which one Israeli soldier was wounded and several Palestinians arrested. (A.P. wirephoto)

Syrians turn down request

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Syrian authorities have turned down a Jordanian government request for dispatching an official delegation to take part in the funeral of the late Arab national leader Sultan Al Atrash who died in Syria on Friday, an announcement here said on Sunday. In sending the mission, Jordan meant to pay respect to, and display appreciation of, the late leader's principles for which he lived and died, the announcement said.

Municipal councils to rally support for Palestinians

AMMAN (J.T.) — A rally to express solidarity with the municipal councils in the occupied territories will be held at the Palace of Culture at the Hussein Youth City on Tuesday. The rally is organised by municipal councils in Jordan, and will be addressed by Minister of Municipal Affairs Hassan Al Momani and others.

Egypt says Israeli moves obstruct 'autonomy' talks

BEIRUT (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has criticised Israeli actions in the occupied West Bank as an obstacle to talks on Palestinian "autonomy." In an interview published Sunday in the English-language weekly Monday Morning, Mr. Ali said that if the current wave of violence in the Israeli-occupied territories continued, "there is no doubt that we will move, as the entire world will move." But he declined to say what Egypt would do. "We must keep something in our inside pocket," he said. Mr. Ali said Egypt viewed the last week's unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip with great concern. Israel had failed to take about 20 "confidence-building measures" which Egypt had suggested to try to attract Palestinians to join talks on giving them autonomy in the occupied territories, he added. "We consider this, indeed we consider everything that is happening on the West Bank, an obstacle in the way of possible Palestinian participation in the autonomy elections; in other words, an obstacle in the way of the autonomy negotiations," the minister said. Talks on autonomy for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which would involve some form of elected council, are being held under the 1978 Camp David agreements between Egypt and Israel. But they have been rejected by the Palestinians as a device to perpetuate Israeli occupation. Mr. Ali said Egypt and Israel were not going to reach a final agreement on the occupied territories under the Camp David peace process. "All we want is to reach headlines of agreement. It is up to the Palestinians to find out what is required," he said. He did not explain further, saying only "the important thing is to ease the suffering of the people of the West Bank and Gaza through autonomy." The Egyptian minister added that he saw an important role for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). "There is no doubt that in the future, the PLO will have a principal role to play regarding the stability of the region and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," he said. In Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak received a message Sunday from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on the dispute over the two countries' future border in Sinai. Israeli ambassador to Cairo Moshe Sasson told reporters following a meeting with the president that Mr. Begin's message was in reply to the one he received last week from the Egyptian leader.

Carrington unsure of what he can do for peace in Israel

LONDON (R) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington flies to Israel on Tuesday believing prospects for Middle East peace have got worse. He said last week there seemed to be no clear notion of how to advance towards peace after the completion of Israel's return of Sinai to Egypt, due to take place by April 26. "I haven't heard anybody produce any very clear ideas about that," he told the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Britain is to provide troops for the international force that will patrol Sinai after the handover next month. Lord Carrington will spend three days in Israel and have talks with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who invited him last year when the two met at the United Nations in New York. But he will not visit the West Bank, scene of widespread Palestinian protests in the past nine days, officials said. Britain has voiced grave concern over developments in the West Bank and urged the restoration of the three Palestinian mayors dismissed by Israel. "We've had a number of things happen in the last year which have made things more difficult," Lord Carrington told the BBC. He cited Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, the fai-

Begin to pursue 'repressive' actions in occupied territories

Palestinian protests continuing

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Four Palestinians were wounded on Sunday in a clash with an Israeli army patrol in the occupied West Bank as the Israeli government rejected criticism of its policies in the turbulent area. Israeli military sources claimed the army unit was attacked by demonstrators in the village of Yaabid, near Jenin, after representatives of the Israeli civil administration sought to visit the community. The sources claimed the soldiers fired in self-defence after being attacked by villagers wielding knives and petrol bombs. Two of the wounded were in serious condition, while the other two were only slightly injured, the sources added. The village was placed under a curfew. Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf, who was dismissed from his post by the Israelis last week and confined to the town of Jericho on the West Bank, said on Sunday that Palestinians in the occupied territories "would continue the struggle against Israeli measures and bullets until they achieve self-determination and establish an independent state in Palestine under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)." The mayor, in a telephone interview conducted from Washington with the Dubai-based newspaper Al Bayan, on Sunday called on Arab leaders to unify their stands to put an end to the Israeli "massacres" of Palestinians in occupied territories. The government, shrugging off opposition to its policies, said "it would unhesitatingly pursue actions to ensure peace" in the occupied Arab territories. After an unusually long cabinet meeting lasting four and a half hours, an official statement said the government would not tolerate "further violence" in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. It said the Israelis, "acting to quell local support" for the PLO, would give all possible aid to Arab residents who were prepared "to observe the law and keep the peace" in the lands occupied during the 1967 Middle East war. Eight people have died so far in 10 days of mass demonstrations against an Israeli crackdown on elected municipal leaders. "The government will continue unhesitatingly its action to ensure peace in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and the Gaza Strip," the cabinet statement said. Unrest in the West Bank took a subdued form on Sunday, although Israeli security forces fired tear gas to disperse demonstrators in Hebron, one of the key towns. The regular Sunday cabinet meeting was at the highest level. 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NATIONAL

ART REVIEW

Rita Ghul immortalises flowers

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

such flowers that lend themselves particularly well to this technique. More unusual are the abstract

designs. Here the success of the composition relies more on the colour and shape of the picture

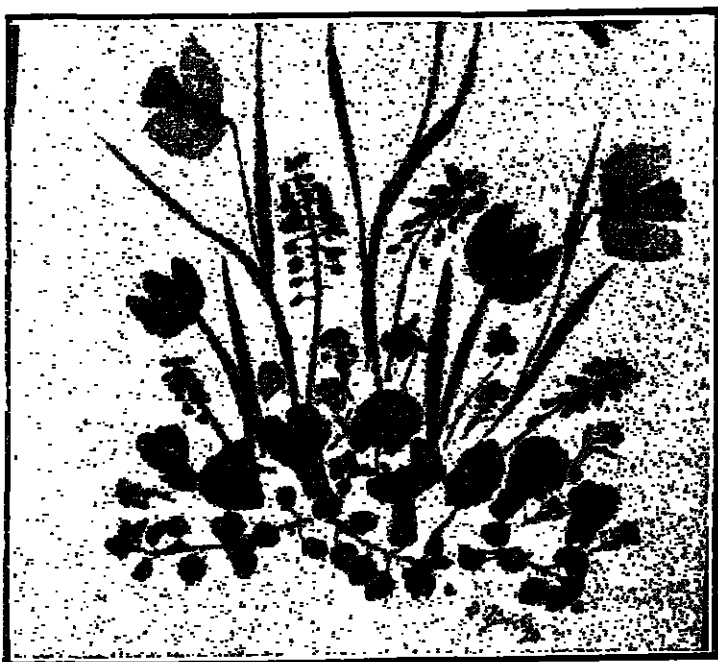
components and their geometrical layout than on knowledge of flower arranging. In the best of these, Mrs. Ghul has utilised some of the many different shades of brown and some of the intriguing shapes of autumn leaves.

There are two other attractive pieces that do not really fall in any of the former categories. In the first, Mrs. Ghul uses wild Jordanian flowers—daisy, buttercup, blue pimpernell and anemone—to imitate the neat-ordered arrangement of flowers found in old botanical books; all that is missing on the green card are the complicated Latin names of the flowers. The other is what Mrs. Ghul calls a "real springtime" picture. Daffodils, tulips and grape hyacinths mingle together with long green leaves as they would in an Easter garden, while a butterfly—made from the petals of the larkspur and the wild anemone, with stamens for antennae—hovers above.

Mrs. Ghul, who studied ceramics at Maik'stone College of Art in England, learnt her flower-pressing craft while still at school.

It is a long, intricate and quite complex process requiring attention to detail which starts by knowing exactly when to pick the flowers. The careful dissection of the flowers for pressing and drying—a process that can take up to six weeks for fleshy varieties—is done with an idea of the final use of the flower in mind. After the flowers have been correctly pressed and aired, Mrs. Ghul arranges and re-arranges the petals and leaves—either reforming them to look like the original, or making them into fanciful new hybrids—until she has achieved the required effect. Then each individual piece is carefully stuck into position.

As well as teaching her craft as part of the community services scheme at Yarmouk University, Mrs. Ghul makes bookmarks and greeting cards with the flowers on a commercial basis. The flower pictures on exhibition are priced between JD 15 for a small arrangement to JD 150 for a very large piece filled with the bright speckled orange petals of the tiger lily. The exhibition runs until April 1.



Daffodils, buttercups and other Jordanian flowers go into making one of Rita Ghul's refreshingly decorative works.

AMMAN — Using some of the many hundreds of species of flowers—both wild and cultivated—that adorn Jordan's gardens and countryside, particularly at this time of year, is Mrs. Rita Ghul, who preserves them for ever by making them into pressed flower pictures. A selection of some 30 of these refreshingly decorative works is now on exhibition at the British Council.

For her third solo exhibition, Mrs. Ghul has tried to introduce new styles into her art. Last year the flowers were mostly arranged in classical sprays, centred and balanced by larger petalled varieties, while the leaves and tendrils gave spinning outward movement. This year, Mrs. Ghul has attained a flowing, yet more linear rhythm, in her work by the addition of gently-curving lines composed of many small flowers of the same variety. The royal blue of the larkspur and the rich burnt orange of the French marigold are two

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Education Ministry denies re-enforcing preparatory tests

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education has no plans to re-enforce a general examination for students who complete the preparatory stage to determine their eligibility for entry into the secondary stage, the ministry's director of examination, Mr. Farouk Badran, said here Sunday. He said the current system of directing students who complete the preparatory stage towards the academic or vocational streams is in the ministry's view the most suitable manner for serving the students and giving them equal opportunities. In cooperation with the two Jordanian universities, the ministry is currently working on plans for developing aptitude tests designed to determine the students' tendencies and capabilities, Mr. Badran said. The ministry, he added, intends to start applying these tests in the coming two years.

World Bank loan talks set

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet Sunday formed a delegation to go to Washington for negotiations with the World Bank on a loan to finance the Aqaba Thermal Power Station. The project also entails the laying of a 400 kilovolt transmission line and the construction of two 130-megawatt thermal power generating units in the first stage. The delegation to be led by National Planning Council (NPC) President Hanna Odeh, comprises three officials from the Jordan Electricity Authority and NPC.

Iraqi aide cables thanks

AMMAN (Petra) — The President of Iraq's Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Mr. Hatem Abdul Rashid, Sunday sent a cable to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan praising His Majesty King Hussein's initiative in extending total support for Iraq in its war with Iran. In his cable, Mr. Abdul Rashid also praised Prince Hassan's efforts in enhancing Jordan's development and bolstering the country's economic cooperation with Iraq. Mr. Abdul Rashid ended a five-day visit to Jordan Saturday night and left for Saudi Arabia. While here he held talks with Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour on means of bolstering economic cooperation between Jordan and Iraq.

Kailani back from Damascus

AMMAN (Petra) — The Natural Resources Authority's water department director, Mr. Ahmad Kailani, returned here Sunday after participating in a seminar in Damascus on the geology of the Hammad Basin that borders on Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Participants in the three-day seminar, which was organised by the Arab Centre for the Study of Dry Regions and Arid Territories, reviewed working papers presented by delegates on the geology of the four countries. The delegates discussed subjects connected with the geological inter-layers of the four countries, Mr. Kailani said. The seminar was attended by Arab and foreign experts who had conducted geological surveys of several areas in the Arab World.

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Jabal Hussein parish fetes Bishop Sayegh

By Suzanne Zur'mut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The new Roman Catholic (Latin) Bishop Monsignor Salim Sayegh of East Jordan continued his tour of the various parishes in the country by paying a visit Sunday to St. John the Baptist De La Salle (Freres) Church in Jabal Al Hussein and celebrating two masses there—a morning mass in Arabic and an afternoon one in English. Each mass was followed by an open reception that over 2,000 parishioners attended.



Bishop Salim Sayegh

new position on Jan. 15, was also guest at a luncheon given at the Hotel Jerusalem Melia by the pastor of Jabal Al Hussein Parish, Father Moussa Adili, and the parish council. Among the nearly 110 guests attending the lunch were Papal Nuncio Msgr. William Carew and the Greek Catholic Bishop Msgr. Saba Youkim.

During the luncheon, Dr. Hani Hattar, the president of the parish council, hailed the bishop as "the son of the village of Rum-eim," who shared his childhood with many Jordanians.

Msgr. Sayegh on his part, warned against optimism, "when it does not have solid bases." He also commended the "openness" which he has experienced in the country and pointed to the importance of continuous dialogue among the country's religious groups.

Msgr. Carew also stressed the significance of this openness when he talked to the Jordan Times. He referred to His Majesty King Hussein's insistence on the rights and duties of every citizen, and said that this is exactly what the church strives for.

He also expressed his pleasure at the consecration of Msgr. Sayegh and urged the clergy and the parishioners to cooperate with their spiritual leader.

In his sermons in the morning and the afternoon, Msgr. Sayegh talked about the "salvation of the soul" as a "big responsibility." He stressed the need for man, who has a free choice, to assist God by living the Christian faith.

Technology aid due from Berne

AMMAN (Petra) — Switzerland will provide Jordan with special technological programmes that include dispatching Swiss experts to train Jordanian technicians and engineers and offering assistance to the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) in an effort to promote the society's contribution to Jordanian development plans, according to Professor Paul Fink, director general of Swiss Research Institutions.

He made the statement following talks Sunday with RSS officials which he said centred on "bilateral cooperation and launching joint ventures." They include a study of industrial and waste water pollution in Jordan and its effects on surface and ground water and a study on industrial security and the effects of dangerous chemicals, Prof. Fink said.



Awqaf and Islamic and Holy Places Undersecretary Izziddin Al Khatib (behind desk) welcomes President of the China Islamic Association Mohammad Ali Chiang Ji (second from right) here Sunday. (Petra photo)

Chinese Muslim leader condemns Israeli action

AMMAN (Petra) — President of the China Islamic Association Mohammad Ali Chiang Ji conferred here Sunday with Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic and Holy Places Affairs Undersecretary Izziddin Al Khatib.

During the meeting, the Chinese guest was briefed on the situation in the occupied Arab territories and the status of Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque under occupation. Mr. Khatib also spoke about the ministry's activities.

For his part, Mr. Ji spoke about his association's activities and aims.

"The problem of Jerusalem is one of concern to all Muslim peoples and we have deep sentiments towards that city," he said. He urged all Muslims to "work towards restoring it to Muslim sovereignty."

He also praised the stands of His Majesty King Hussein toward Al Aqsa Mosque and other holy places in Palestine.

The Muslims of China "condemn the ugly crimes committed by Israel against the Palestinian people, as well as Israel's aggressive policies in Palestine," he said.

He voiced the Chinese Muslim community's support of the Arabs "in their struggle to regain their rights and usurped property."

Mr. Ji and his three-member delegation arrived here Saturday for a visit to Jordan expected to last several days.

During their stay, the delegation members are scheduled to meet officials of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic and Holy Places Affairs and will tour archaeological and tourist sites in Jordan.

Tourism Ministry adopts record-keeping technology, video cassette promotion

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities is keeping up with the times by modernising its internal administrative operations to make them more efficient and accurate. As in most other fields, technology is the key word, and the Ministry has recently installed a microcomputer at a cost of JD 1,500.

The new computer will be used to send out the Ministry's publications to recipients who are on its ever-expanding mailing list. The computer has already been programmed according to the ministry's specifications, so that it can be easily operated by staff who otherwise have no computer training.

The new, computerised mailing list went into effect in mid-February. It is used in distributing the ministry's new brochures, its quarterly publication, its Arabic and English magazines as well as the Jordan magazine. Its annual report and tourism research report, which is put out on a twice-yearly basis, will also be sent to recipients on the mailing list.

Recipients of the ministry's publications include all government departments, hotels in Jordan, local and international travel agencies, tourist and travel magazines and other interested parties. Meanwhile, the ministry is compiling a video cassette library on Jordan's touristic attractions and rich historic and folkloric heritage.

The library's video cassettes will feature Jordan's sites of historical attraction such as the remains of the Roman city of Jerash, the Nabataean rock-hewn city of Petra and the desert Crusader castle of Azraq. The cassettes will also provide information on the facilities to be enjoyed at the Red Sea resort of Aqaba.

The library will include documentary video cassettes on Jordan's history throughout the centuries, and the various civilisations that have contributed to its rich

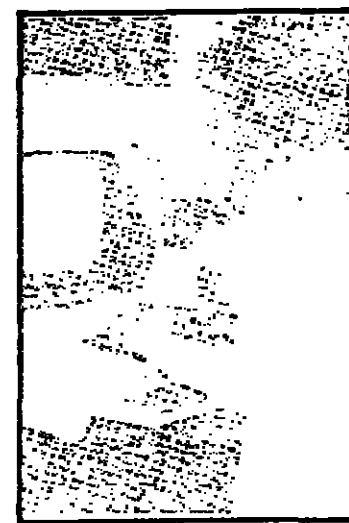
and varied store of archaeological and historical treasures.

According to Tourism Director General Michael Hamarneh, the tapes, which will be accompanied by both Arabic and English narrations, will be used to educate schoolchildren and orient them toward promoting tourist activity in Jordan.

They will also be shown to tourists and visitors at in-house movie units in major Jordanian hotels.

Besides featuring Jordan's various archaeological sites, the Ministry of Tourism will also include substantial aspects of Jordanian folklore and heritage on the cassettes. Traditional vocations such as carpet-weaving, the making of Arabic bread and the use of natural sand from southern Jordan to make decorative sand-filled, multi-coloured and patterned bottles, are included.

The video cassettes will be kept



in the Ministry of Tourism's library and will be available for reference and projects to promote tourism.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

* The Spring Flowers of Jordan, composed of works of art created from pressed flowers by Rita Ghul, at the British Council from 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

* Movement and Line, by Mohanna Durra, at the American Centre from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

* International Painters, at the Amman Marriott Hotel.

* Twenty-five Years of French Rock, at the French Cultural Centre.

Today's weather

It will be fair with a rise in temperature. Winds will be light and variable. In Aqaba winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	2	14
Aqaba	8	20
Deserts	1	18
Jordan Valley	7	23

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Work for women no longer questioned

By T.A. Jaber

Last week, a seminar was held, under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, at the convention hall of the Amman Chamber of Industry. It was cosponsored by the ministry of social development and the Club of Women Professionals.

In commemoration of Mother's Day, the seminar aimed at exchanging views on the attitudes of the Jordanian society towards women's work, the supporting services needed to facilitate the daily life of working mothers and the legislative framework governing women's work.

It was felt that the factors influencing women's work in Jordan as well as in other societies can be grouped under the following six categories:

- 1- The prevailing value system and attitudes which reflect tradition, modernisation and the practised religious and other social beliefs.
- 2- Objective factors related to the professional and technical qualifications of women which depend on their education and training.
- 3- Labour market con-

ditions including supply and demand for labour, wage levels, working hours and others.

- 4- Enforced legislations that influence women's work.
- 5- Availability of supporting services and facilities or lack of them.
- 6- Expected changes in the demand for labour in light of the requirements of the development plan and the flexibility of women workers to respond to these changes.

It was also pointed out that the present condition in the labour market in Jordan are quite favourable for expanding the quantitative participation of women in the labour force. There is a shortage in Jordanian manpower manifested in the presence of about 100,000 Arab and foreign workers. The increasing cost of living at an average annual rate of 10 per cent is inducing more members of the family to enter the market as income earners. Many newly established firms in finance, commerce, industry and tourism are advertising for employees including women.

Furthermore, the draft labour law which will be submitted to the government this week has incorporated incentives to the working women taking into consideration relevant Arab and international conventions. Similar amendments should be undertaken on the civil service by-laws, and the pension law to bring them in line with the proposed labour law.

There was agreement over these legislative changes. All participants in the seminar agreed also to the necessity of providing supporting services for the working women particularly day-care centres in private establishments and government institutions. Private nurseries are available but too expensive for the low-income employees. The experience of the two-years old nursery at the ministry of labour has shown favourable results in terms of stability, punctuality and productivity of women employees. Mothers pay to this nursery about one fourth of the market charges. Similar day-care centres should be set up as a major action towards enhancing women's participation in the labour

force. Some debate arose over the social attitudes prevailing in Jordan concerning women's work. Distinction was made between three schools of thought: The conservative, the modern and the middle. It seemed at the time as if these patterns have a more or less equal weight in Jordanian society. Still, this implication was challenged by an outstanding official, the issue remained as unsettled.

My interpretation of our society's attitudes towards women's work is, however, straightforward. I believe that more than three quarters of our society approve and encourage women's work for social, economic and human reasons. According to a recent study entitled Training and Job Opportunities for Women in Jordan, which was based on a field survey of preparatory class female students and industrial establishments, the following conclusions on the attitudes were reached:

- (1) 89.3 per cent of female students said that women's work outside the home was a good thing, 7.1 per cent said it

was not and 3.7 per cent expressed no opinion.

- (2) 81.7 per cent of these students said they intended to work outside the home, 13.3 per cent said they did not and 4.9 per cent were undecided.
- (3) Attitudes of female students' guardians to women work outside the home were also positive with 76 per cent in favour, 16.8 per cent against and 7.2 per cent undecided.
- (4) The study has shown that 84.3 per cent employers were willing to hire more women workers, while 15.7 per cent were not so.

The said study has tested various segments of the society's attitudes and the results have been without doubt in favour of women's work.

Let us therefore move from this debate on very general issues to discuss specific ones. What are the best conditions to facilitate women's work? Can part-time work be institutionalised? What new skills and job opportunities should be made open for women? And other similar positive questions.

From Russia with love

By Bernard Melusky
 Reuter

NEW DELHI — A visit to India by top Soviet military officials under Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov has enabled Moscow to demonstrate both its interest in South Asia and its close ties with India.

Marshal Ustinov and his high-powered team of service chiefs and senior generals flew back to Moscow today at the end of a five-day visit that contained many pledges of continued help in building up India's defences.

Western diplomats said they felt the visit was primarily concerned with the Soviet Union's attempt to emphasise a special relationship with India at a time when New Delhi has been seeking to avoid too great a dependence on Moscow, its main arms supplier. India has attempted to diversify its weapons purchases. It has also expressed unease at the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan although stopping short of outright criticism of the Moscow's military intervention there.

Signs of an improvement in Sino-Indian relations following a visit to India last June by Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua must also have worried Moscow. Mr. Hua's visit was the first by a senior Chinese government official since the two countries fought a border war in 1962.

Concern over a possible long-term Sino-Indian rapprochement may have been one of the reasons for Marshal Ustinov's strong assurances this week that the Soviet Union was a reliable partner in the maintenance of peace and that it had always expressed friendship in deeds, not only words.

India has been both surprised by the heavy display of solidarity during the visit and gratified by the promises of assistance. But officials have tended to play down the visit in terms of possible fresh arms deals. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is fond of countering charges that India tilts too far in any direction by saying: "We are only pro-India" — a statement she repeated to a group of Third World delegates to a training conference here. Mrs. Gandhi has still not taken up a Kremlin invitation to visit Moscow in return for President Leonid Brezhnev's visit here 16 months ago.

But India does regard the Soviet Union as a tried and reliable friend — a relationship cemented into treaty form by a 20-year friendship pact signed in 1971 — and Marshal Ustinov's visit stressed that Moscow was eager to continue this close relationship.

The Soviet Defence Chief said in a departure statement he was deeply satisfied with his talks with Indian leaders which reviewed cooperation in the field of military supplies and development of the Indian defence production industry.

Secrecy still surrounds the detailed discussions he had with Mrs. Gandhi and Defence Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman. But Marshal Ustinov confirmed they had discussed the United States decision to supply arms to Pakistan, including the advanced F-16 fighter jet, which has angered India. Moscow clearly believes this will increase India's need for Soviet support and Marshal Ustinov may have offered New Delhi an alternative to the French Mirage-2000 combat aircraft. Negotiations for the purchase of the French plane are under way. India and Pakistan have fought three wars since the partition of the subcontinent in 1947. Talks between them on a non-aggression treaty began this year but have been held up because of a diplomatic dispute. Asked today if he had been able to reassure India that it would be able to meet any threat from Pakistan, Marshal Ustinov said: "everything will be all right."

Diplomatic sources in Islamabad said that the visit was likely to have been viewed with concern in Pakistan, given the tense relations between the two neighbours. Pakistan made no official comment on the visit, underlining its own delicate relations with the Soviet Union. With Soviet troops stationed close to its borders, Pakistan tries to confine its criticism to the Soviet intervention in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Soviet economic aid to Pakistan, including help to build the country's first steel mill, is another constraint on such criticism. The diplomatic sources in Islamabad said a visit to Pakistan next week by a high-powered Chinese delegation might be linked to Marshal Ustinov's New Delhi trip. The delegation, led by Vice-Premier Pengfeng, also includes People's Liberation Army Deputy Chief of Staff Zhang Zhen.

The sources said the Chinese visit might be a signal to the Soviet Union and India that Peking was still Pakistan's main military backer.

How's the sand?

ONE THING we have to say about the Israelis and the Americans: They wear their neuroses on their sleeves, for all to see. In the course of the past week of Palestinian resistance in the occupied territories, Israeli officials have repeatedly stated openly that their aim in the current drive is to squash the influence of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, with the specific hope of promoting a more malleable collection of putty-people who would implement the provisions of the Camp David accords for Palestinian "autonomy". The first thing one notices about the whole endeavour is the very strange silence from the United States, whose officials are working double-shifts these days banging the drum of freedom in Asia, Eastern Europe and Central America, but who remain blissfully silent about freedom's death in Palestine. Does American silence reflect American acquiescence? We suspect it does. But if it does not, why the silence? Maybe Jeane Kirkpatrick could take a break from her Crusade Against Evil and enlighten us?

The Israeli attempt to get around the PLO is not new. It has been tried before, and it has also been tried by the United States. It has always failed, and it will always fail in the future, because humanity will never accept the reality of sustained terror by any state, whether that state is Nazi Germany in the 1930s, Poland and Afghanistan in 1981-82, or the American-financed Israeli state of today. The PLO represents the will of the Palestinian people to be free, to live in dignity, to teach their children the value of being honest with oneself and with the world, to be consistent, to be compassionate and to be human. It is no wonder that Israel continues to make believe the PLO can be ignored. But what will Israel do as pro-PLO demonstrations spread to Nazareth and other Palestinian cities inside Israel? What will the Americans do? Stick their heads deeper into the sand?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The dawn of hope

AL RA'I: The uprising of our people in the West Bank and Gaza has acclaimed pan-Arab reaction in the Palestinian territories occupied in 1948. The Arab municipal councils in these territories have declared the day of the land on Monday as a day of solidarity with West Bank and Gaza citizens. This pan-Arab reaction means that the courageous struggle of our people has achieved this interaction with the Arab citizens of Palestinian lands occupied in 1948. It also means that the flame of Palestinian sense of belonging is still kindling in their hearts despite what they suffered and are suffering within the walls of the alien Israeli entity.

This is the reason behind the campaigns launched by the Israeli propaganda machine against Jordan. But these campaigns will never succeed in stopping Jordan from supporting and backing our struggling people. Jordan will continue to be the faithful supporter of these heroes who are defending their Palestinian identity, future and national rights. These heroes are also defending the dignity of the Arab Nation in usurped Palestine.

Acts of repression, lies and fabricated propaganda campaigns will not help the Israeli occupation authorities. Our steadfast people in the West Bank and Gaza will continue to resist all plots being hatched against them, including the Israeli civilian administration, the suspect Village Leagues and the arbitrary measures against elected Arab mayors and municipal councils which have culminated in imposing house arrest on Karim Khalaf and Ibrahim Tawil.

Jordan will continue to support our people in the occupied territories because it believes that their struggle is the dawn of hope in this total darkness and that their heroic resistance is rewriting our history during this very delicate period.

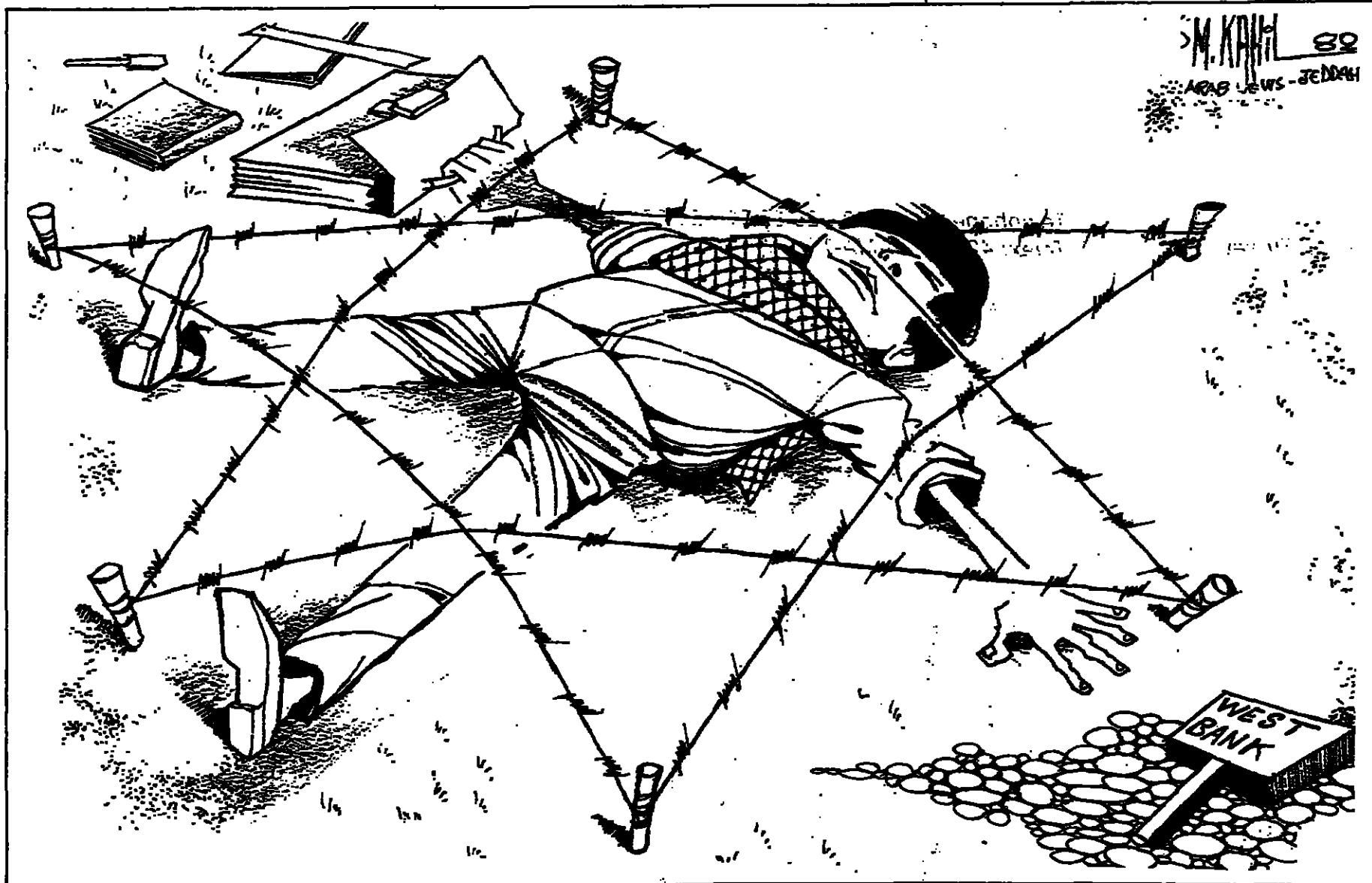
How can Arabs remain idle?

AL DUSTOUR: It is noticeable that the methods of Zionist actions and behaviour have been changing along the past half century. In the beginning the Zionists did not come out in the open to call for establishing a Jewish state in Palestine. Jewish immigration, the revival of Hebrew culture, the establishment of the Israeli army, and the preparations for the state were kept secret until 1942 when a conference in New York called for ending the British mandate and the establishment of an Israeli state in Arab Palestine. Zionist terrorist gangs inside and outside Palestine became very active until the mandate came to an end and formed themselves into the Israeli defence army.

After the establishment of the state, Israel pretended to be the underdog and continued to ask the West to protect it from the Arabs until 1967 when it changed its image and declared that it was the supreme military power in the region extending from North Africa to China.

The Arab foreign ministers will meet on Tuesday to discuss the developments of the situation in the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights. The Arab citizens are apprehensive that Arab differences would undermine any practical move to support our people in the occupied territories and back their steadfastness against the enemy. It is high time the Arabs developed their methods of confronting the enemy. They must face it with the same strength it uses in besieging our villages and our cities.

Why does the Arab Nation not allocate at least a day's income to support the steadfastness of the people who are fighting with their bare hands? Why does the Arab World not send them provisions? Why do the Arabs not donate blood for these struggling people? Only real action would influence the morale of our people. It would also alert the enemy to the presence of an able Arab Nation, capable of retaliating to all the crimes and violations it commits in our occupied territories.



U.S. may regret rejecting freeze offer

By Jeffrey Antevil
 Reuter

WASHINGTON — Grass roots campaigning for a nuclear freeze is quietly spreading in the United States, threatening to grow into a powerful protest movement.

Administration officials admit they are worried that anti-nuclear sentiment could rise to the intensity of the anti-Vietnam campaign that wracked America in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

President Reagan now faces perhaps the most serious challenge to his planned nuclear arms build-up not from Moscow but from town halls, state legislatures and voting booths across the United States.

If successful, officials say, the campaign would lock in place a situation of Soviet superiority while eliminating any incentive for Moscow to agree to reduce existing arsenals.

This is strenuously disputed by supporters of the freeze who claim the administration's stand is a product of paranoia, that the Russians in fact have no superiority, and that there has never been a better time to halt the nuclear arms race.

Like the anti-nuclear campaign which has emerged as a powerful force in several West European countries, the American movement seeks a worldwide moratorium on nuclear weapons pro-

duction, testing and deployment. Congressman Edward Markey, a leading supporter, believes Secretary of State Alexander Haig made a serious error in dismissing the freeze as "not only bad defence and security policy but bad arms control policy."

"The State Department should have somebody manning the U.S. desk," the Massachusetts Democrat said. "They don't realise that this is going to be the most major U.S. movement since the '60s. By the end of the spring there are going to be demonstrations like those in Europe."

For now, the movement is operating on a less dramatic level — in Congress and state legislatures, town meetings, and polling stations from Maine to California.

Aides to Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts said a resolution he has co-sponsored calling for an immediate "verifiable and mutual freeze" on nuclear weapons already has more than 170 sponsors in Congress. The aides said they do not plan to bring the resolution to a vote until they are confident of passage.

Barbara Roche, co-director of the private Nuclear Weapons Freeze Clearing-House established three months ago in St. Louis, Missouri, to coordinate the drive, gives the following count on freeze resolutions elsewhere:

— Approved by state legislatures in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon and Vermont and by one house of the New York, Kansas and Wisconsin legislatures.

— On the ballot for statewide referenda next November in California, Michigan, New Jersey and Delaware as a result of petition drives which produced more than a million signatures.

— Endorsed by 23 city councils and seven county councils in about a dozen states.

— Passed by a total of more than 200 town meetings, gatherings of citizens normally devoted to mundane local matters, in five New England states.

Freeze supporters include moderates and conservatives as well as liberals and anti-war leftists. Movement spokesmen say many of the local communities which have approved it voted for Mr. Reagan in the 1980 election.

Asked about administration statements that states and the public should stay out of foreign policy-making, Miss Roche replied: "We've left this problem to experts for 35 years, and all we've gotten is more weapons."

The administration argues the United States is outgunned by the Soviet Union in several categories, including medium-range missiles in Europe and land-based

intercontinental missiles. Officials say Moscow, which announced last week a freeze on deploying mobile SS-20 missiles west of the Ural mountains, now has 300 of them in place, all targeted on Europe or able to be shifted there quickly, plus a similar number of older missiles.

The western allies do not plan to begin deployment of comparable weapons in Europe until late next year.

Freeze supporters contend that the important consideration is not a possible regional advantage for Moscow in Europe or elsewhere but the worldwide U.S.-Soviet nuclear balance. And here, they say, there is rough equivalence, with the Soviet advantage in Europe and in heavy land-based missiles offset by a U.S. lead in warheads and in almost undetectable submarines-carrying nuclear missiles.

Senator Kennedy accused the administration of misreading the free resolution he introduced two weeks ago with Republican Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon as chief co-sponsor. If a mutual and worldwide freeze were adopted, he said, "the United States would have 9,000 strategic nuclear warheads and the Soviet Union would have 7,000."

In the view of freeze advocates, one of the most appealing aspects of their cause is its simplicity: The superpowers stop making or dep-

loying nuclear arms, then begin negotiating reductions in existing arsenals.

To the administration, the freeze idea's simplicity is its most dangerous feature precisely because of its public appeal. In the real world of mistrust and hostility among nations, officials say, compliance with a ban on producing and deploying nuclear weapons, would have to be verified, probably by on-site inspections which Moscow has traditionally opposed. They say a ban would not work unless other countries were included, such as China, which almost certainly would not agree until it achieved equality with the Soviet Union, and India and Israel which are widely believed capable of making atomic bombs.

The administration insists it shares the public concern which it recognises is at the heart of the freeze movement and that it sincerely seeks to reduce existing nuclear arsenals.

Although U.S.-Soviet talks on limiting European-based medium-range missiles started in Geneva last November and will resume in May after a two-month recess, the administration has so far failed to set a date for new strategic arms talks. This policy, leading U.S. newspapers said editorially last week, fuels the freeze movement and makes Mr. Reagan, in the Baltimore Sun's words, its "prime instigator."



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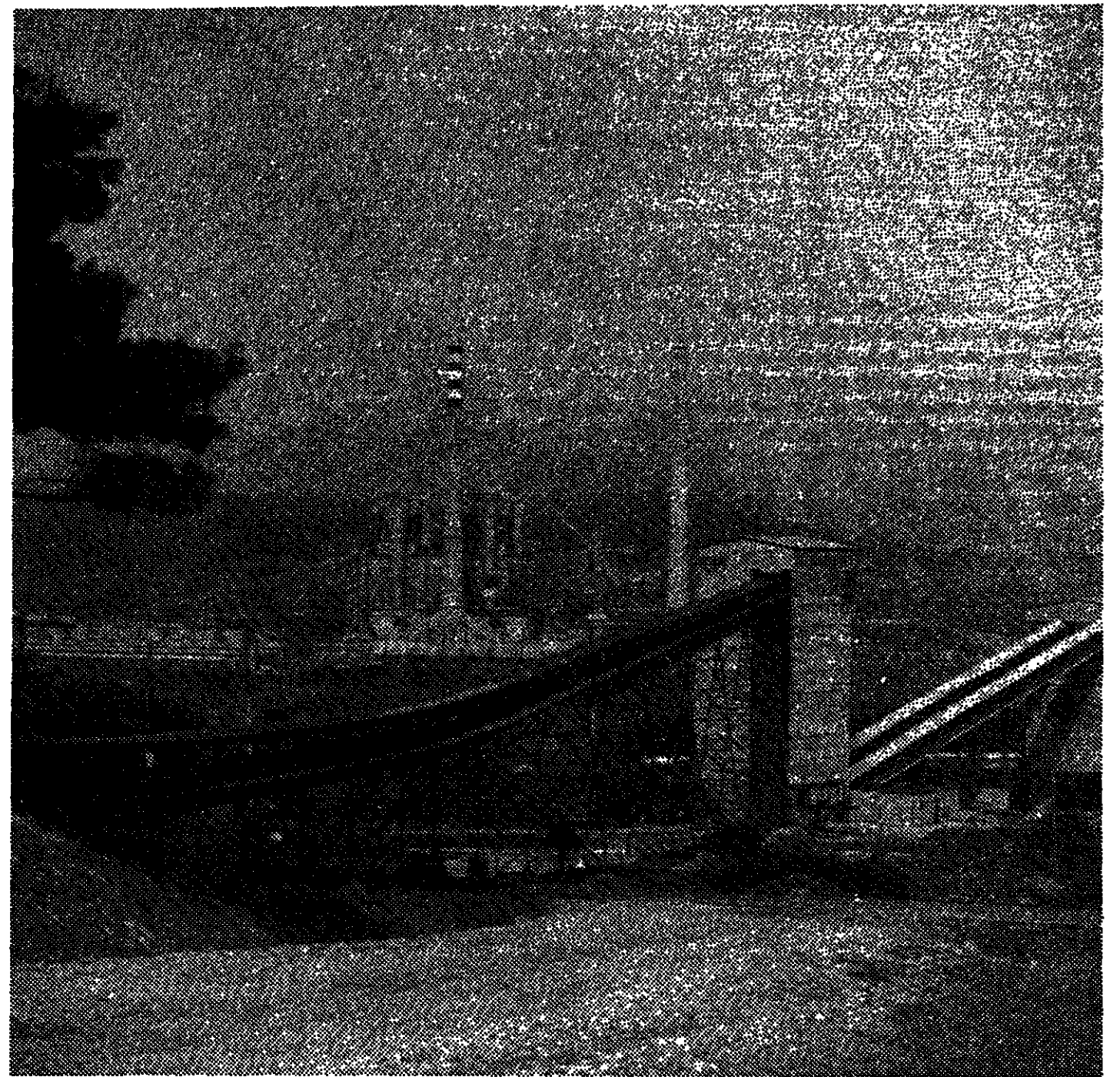
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Cucumber (large)	220	160
Hot Green Pepper	880	760
Sweet Pepper	560	400
Sweet Pepper	60	50
Cabbage	90	60
Onions (dry)	120	100
Green onions	150	120
Spinach	90	70
Coconut (piece)	330	280
Beans	600	500
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Bananas (Mukammal)	225	180
Peas	400	320
Garlic	500	400

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Beet	120	100
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SPORTS

Cooney expects to resume sparring soon

Gerry Cooney... rated No. 1 contender by both the WBC and WBA.

NEW YORK (R) — Gerry Cooney said Sunday his injured left shoulder appeared to be healing well and he expects to resume sparring soon for his June 11 heavyweight title fight with World Boxing Council (WBC) champion Larry Holmes.

Cooney, rated the number one contender by both the WBC and the World Boxing Association (WBA), tore a shoulder muscle during a training session on January 12 and the injury resulted in a three-month postponement of the bout, originally set for March 15.

Co-promoters Don King and Sam Glass expect the match to produce the highest receipts in boxing history. Holmes and Cooney, both undefeated, will each earn a minimum purse of \$10 million.

Cooney, 25, is being treated by Jeffrey Minkoff, his personal physician. "I am still following Dr. Minkoff's prescribed programme of exercises. I won't resume sparring until the doctor recommends it, but I expect it will be soon," Cooney said Sunday.

"I expect to wake up on June 12 as the world heavyweight champion. In fact, I plan to make June 12 my St. Patrick's day celebration," said the big Irish-American from Huntington, New York.

The challenger has won all 25 of his professional bouts, 21 within the distance. But he has fought less than two full rounds in the last two years and the big question about his chances of beating Holmes concerns his stamina should the fight go beyond the middle rounds.

In his last three bouts, Cooney stopped Jimmy Young on cuts in the fourth round on May 25, 1980, knocked out Ron Lyle in the first round on October 25, 1980, and knocked out Ken Norton in the first round on May 11, 1981.

Australian wins Seoul international marathon

SEOUL (R) — Laurie Whitty of Australia won the first Seoul international marathon Sunday, beating a top-quality field which included American Bill Rodgers, winner of the 1979 Boston marathon.

Whitty's time was two hours 14 minutes 34 seconds. Tanzanian A. Masong, who surrendered the lead to the Australian two kilometres from the finish, was second in 2:15:10 with Tommy Persson of Sweden third in 2:15:36.

Money makers prepare for '82 World Cup

MADRID (A.P.) — Two months from the opening of the 1982 World Soccer Cup, the mania and the money makers who hope to profit from it are taking hold in Spain.

Besides the hundreds of types of souvenirs, the money makers are bottling a special World Cup wine, hustling World Cup posters by Spanish master Joan Miro at fancy prices and offering to rent 3-bedroom apartments at quadruple the normal rates.

In the Spanish language, World Cup translates to "Mundial." Business transforms it to Mundial mania.

In 1981 Spain registered a record 40.2 million tourists and this year with the Mundial, officials expect to exceed that number by 500,000 persons, according to the committee organising the World Cup.

During the June and July soccer dates, 14 different Spanish cities will host the fans and teams of the 24 countries that qualified for the competition, making it the biggest soccer show in history, 50 per cent larger than ever before.

This 12th meeting of the World Soccer Cup (which is held every four years in different countries) is expected to bring the equivalent of \$2.5 billion more to the Spanish

economy—or roughly one third of the amount grossed by tourism in Spain for the entire year.

The Spanish organising committee has been planning since Dec. 15, 1978, making decisions on such diverse items as the number of journalists who will be allowed to enter Spain to cover the soccer cup (7,500), to approving the manufacture of World Cup playing cards.

Although the United States soccer team failed to qualify for the World Cup, losing in the early stages of elimination, the official sponsors of this popular event are made up largely of United States companies, including Coke,

Canon and Gilette.

The Rofa-West Nally Co. purchased the right to commercialise the official mascot — Nkranjito (little orange)—around the world. In Spain, Ibermundial has the same commercial right.

In each of the host cities, from Gijon in the north to Malaga in the south, Mundial memorabilia bearing the official mascot is for sale. The items include ashtrays, stamps, candy, smoking pipes, bookholders, electronic soccer games, lighters, jackets, cartoons and a special coin collection with King Juan Carlos on one side and the world and a soccer ball on the other.

Racehorses, costliest promotion gimmicks

LONDON (R) — When furniture tycoon George Moore stayed at the plush Savoy Hotel in London, they used to ask how his wife was. Now they ask after Moorestyle.

For Moore is the lucky man who paid £4,000 for a racehorse to promote his company's range of kitchen and bedroom furniture and finished up with a champion that netted him over two million sterling.

Moorestyle, the first sprinter ever to be named Racehorse of the year, is now standing as a stallion at the national stud in Newmarket, headquarters of British racing, alongside such greats as Epsom Derby winner Mill Reef.

Meanwhile George Moore, a

blunt-spoken millionaire from the Northern England county of Yorkshire will be using his equine windfall to buy another business and give jobs to 200-400 people, a welcome economic fillip in an economically-depressed Britain.

His phenomenal luck — Moore admits "I don't expect lightning to strike twice" — has also given a great boost to companies who have decided horse flesh is the most cost-effective way of advertising their products.

Moore feels the success of his great sprinter, bought by sharp-eyed bloodstock agent Susan Piggott and ridden to all his great victories by her champion jockey husband Lester, was "a resounding success public relations wise."

It certainly looks an attractive promotion gimmick to publicity-conscious companies. Today almost 800 firms are registered with the Jockey Club, ruling body of British racing, and a spokesman there reported that a couple more are signing on every week with the dream of one day owning a Derby

winner.

Staff relations at George Moore's factory flourished during the two seasons of Moorestyle's racing glory — the place was abuzz with excitement on the horse's big race days, radio commentaries were beamed to the factory floor and the long-suffering local bookmaker regularly made big hand-outs.

Moore, who knew nothing about racing when he first embarked on the venture, made sure his one-in-a-million chance paid rich dividends.

He boosted furniture sales by organising in-store competitions and offering the lucky winner a champagne day out at the races to watch Moorestyle in action.

Moorestyle, who over the last two seasons won at such prestige tracks as Ascot and Newmarket as well as in Paris, also gave the company plenty of air time. Many of his big race triumphs were televised, giving the firm a handy advertising boost completely free of charge.

It also made a good story for the racing press. The horse's success was a real family affair, started by Susan Piggott, guided by her trainer brother Robert Armstrong and brought to fruition on the racecourse by that laconic genius of the saddle, Lester Piggott.

Today it costs about £7,000 a year to enjoy the luxury of having a horse in training in Britain.

So the Jockey Club, which first authorised company ownership in 1975, is only too delighted to welcome this new breed of owners as the chill winds of recession blow across the training gallops.

Trainers also find that companies tend to make good owners they usually pay their bills on time. The Jockey Club, which has drawn up stringent ownership rules, reports that only a very tiny proportion of horse-owning firms have gone bust.

There is also no problem about the horse being pulled or interfered with during a race, they have been bought for publicity purposes and are out there on the track to win and give a product prominence.

Naturally such a cost-effective way of getting a firm noticed is bound to catch the eye of the taxman.

The racehorse owners association reports that the tax authorities are usually interested to find out if the horse has been bought as "a director's benefit."

If, for instance, a small manufacturer of precision engineering components decides to buy a racehorse, then the Inland Revenue will probably be asking why it needs to spend all this money on a four-legged wonder when in the past it confined itself to advertisements in the specialised trade press.

But if the company is genuinely pushing a promotion gimmick with a horse named after its product, that should be no problem.

And with the flat race season opening this week, a glance down any racecard will reveal just how many companies hope to follow in Moorestyle's hoofprints to that elusive goal of perfect publicity on the cheap.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

1981 by Chicago Tribune

three clubs as the only reasonable choice.

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠KQ872 ♥J9 ♦J62 ♠AQ5
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♦
Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Despite the fact that you don't have a heart stopper, we favor a bid of three no trump. Partner has announced a good hand with his jump shift; we would gamble that some of his values are in hearts. A rebid of three spades would be a poor choice, because it doesn't reflect your overall values, overstates the quality of your spade suit and suggests that you have a dislike for partner's diamond.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠Q75 ♥J9 ♦KJ643 ♠Q84
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♦ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner's willingness to keep the bidding open after your signoff suggests a good hand, but he might have only three clubs and simply be correcting to a better contract. Pass. Since game is unlikely, settle for the best part-score. If you do choose to bid, two spades is a reasonable action.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A87 ♥KJ1062 ♦J9 ♠KQ9
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner has not yet sharply defined his hand, so we still have prospects of slam. Our duty now is to convey our strength to partner. The heart suit is not good enough for a jump rebid, and we can't jump raise partner's second suit with only three-card support. That leaves

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠93 ♥J752 ♦AK984 ♠K10
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—There is no point to dilly-dallying — bid four hearts. Partner must have a pretty good hand to overcall at the two-level when vulnerable, and you have a fine supporting hand. Don't even think about a pusillanimous raise to three hearts. That puts too much pressure on partner.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AKQJ7 ♥74 ♦AJ8 ♠QJ6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have a choice of jump bids—either three spades or three no trump. We prefer the latter, because with one bid you describe both the strength of your hand and the fact that it is balanced. But we do not fault you greatly if you chose to emphasize your major suit. 100 honors, after all, is 100 honors.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠Q76 ♥A10952 ♦643 ♠K5
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♥ 1 ♦ ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Two hearts. Any desire to take more drastic action, such as jumping to three or four hearts because of your fifth trump, should be curbed. You do not have all that much to offer in the way of trick-taking ability, and there is always the chance that partner has opened light in third position. In addition, the queen of spades might not be a working card. A simple raise in competition adequately describes your strength.

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How to protect the hottest ship in the sky

Thousands of sand-tiles shield Columbia from temperatures melting steel

By James Fuller

JOHNSON SPACE CENTRE, Texas — When the space ship Columbia approaches a landing thousands of heat-protective tiles made largely from common sand are the only things protecting the Columbia and its crew from searing temperatures hot enough to melt steel.

The thermal protection system of the orbiter is made up primarily of 32,000 individual tiles formed from a silica fibre compound. These shield the orbiter from the extreme heat produced by air friction during reentry into the earth's atmosphere. During the current space shuttle mission, the orbiter Columbia is scheduled to re-enter the atmosphere March 29 a few minutes before landing.

Earlier manned spacecraft were protected during reentry by shedding glowing bits of a heavy, resinous heat shield through a process known as "ablation." The heat shield like the spacecraft it insulated, was usable only once.

The space shuttle orbiter, however, is designed to fly at least 100 missions. Insulation tough enough to protect the orbiter from the heat of repeated re-entries had to be invented. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) officials say that development of the thermal protection system represents one of the greatest technical achievements of the space shuttle programme.

About 75 per cent of Columbia's surface is covered by two types of tile, both made from fib-

res of pure white silica refined from common sand. The tiles protect the orbiter's aluminium inner skin from a wide range of temperatures affecting different surfaces during re-entry.

Specially-coated black tiles cover the bottom of the orbiter, parts of the vertical stabiliser, and areas around the cockpit windows. These tiles can withstand temperatures as high as 1260 degrees Centigrade.

White tiles, generally thinner and designed to insulate the orbiter from temperatures up to about 649 degrees Centigrade, are applied to the sides of the fuselage, most of the vertical stabiliser, the orbital manoeuvring system engine pods, and the upper wing surfaces.

The two types of tiles are the same except for their varying thickness and their glassy coatings. Chemicals are added to give the tiles different colours and heat rejection capacities.

These tiles shed heat so quickly that one can be held with a bare hand only seconds after being removed from an oven, while the tile's interior is still red-hot.

A third type of material, a high

gray composite made up largely of two forms of carbon, insulates the orbiter's nose cone and leading wing edges. These areas will be the hottest areas before touchdown — reaching temperatures as high as 1649 degrees Centigrade. This "carbon-carbon" composite is made up of graphite (an exceptionally strong form of carbon) cloth impregnated with another form of carbon that binds the fibres together. The outside of the carbon tile is chemically combined with silicon to form a fireproof outer surface.

The system is specifically designed so that tiles that are damaged or lost during a flight can be repaired or replaced individually without renovating large areas of the outer surface of the craft. A few tiles were lost from the less-critical areas of the spacecraft — the areas where heating on re-entry is less intense — during the first flight of the Columbia without causing any problems on reentry and landing. A few tiles were lost from less-critical areas during the current third flight also, without causing concern among space officials.

In the areas where heat buildup

is more intense, however, greater care is taken to strengthen the tiles and see that they are firmly attached. In these more critical areas, each tile is individually tested before each flight to see that it is tightly bonded to the space-craft's aluminium skin.

NASA engineers have developed a process for increasing the strength of some tiles through "densification." A "wet cement," composed of a chemical mixture with silica particles, is crushed onto the back surface of the tile, increasing its strength by a factor of two.

Greater strength is also obtained in some black tiles by increasing the density of the silica material. While most of the white and black tiles weigh 141 kilograms per cubic metre, in some areas where greater strength is needed, tiles weighing 353 kilograms per cubic metre are used.

NASA engineers place strips of felt padding, known as "strain isolation pads," between the tiles and the orbiter's aluminium skin. This pad protects the brittle tiles from the stresses of launch blast, vibration and acceleration. U.S.J.C.A.

British press upsets Anne

LONDON (A.P.) — Princess Anne, only daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, is angry with the British press for giving scant coverage to a visit she made to Northern Ireland earlier this month but making front-page news of an appearance the same day by Princess Diana, the Daily Mirror reported Wednesday.

The tabloid said Anne, 31, was "hopping mad" at being upstaged by her 20-year-old sister-in-law, who is married to heir to the throne Prince Charles, 33, and is expecting her first child in June. Anne visited the British-ruled province March 3-4 to meet with servicemen and their families ser-

ving there with the Royal Corps of Signals, of which she is colonel-in-chief, and for talks with members of the Save the Children Fund of Northern Ireland of which she is president.

The second day of the visit was written up in an inside page of the Times of London but otherwise enjoyed little press attention.

However, Princess Diana's visit to the new Barbican Arts Centre in London that evening hit the front pages of almost every fleet street paper.

Buckingham palace spokesman Warwick Hutchings said his office would have "nothing to say about that kind of news item."



Nuclear power-pack on assembly line

Technicians install electronic guidance equipment in the first full-production air-launched Cruise missile at the Boeing Aerospace factory in Kent, Washington. A total of 705 are to be delivered to the U.S. Air Force. The missile carries a nuclear

warhead and has a range of more than 2,400 kilometres. It is designed to be launched by B-52 and B-1 bombers. (USICA photo)

One-hour switch in Europe: Hopes of better summers

BRUSSELS (R) — Most European countries — both East and West — put their clocks forward by one hour this weekend in a joint move to summer time.

The energy-saving switch, which will affect about 400 million people in 25 countries, takes in more people than ever before in eight years of summer time in Europe.

The Soviet Union, however, has opted to do things its own way, advancing its clock on April 1. Turkey, Iceland, Albania and Yugoslavia will leave their clocks as they are.

After the Soviet change, there will be four time zones in Europe.

The European Economic Community (EEC) nations, with the exception of Britain and Ireland, will be two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Britain and Ireland will be on GMT plus one, and Greece, on GMT plus three.

Most East European countries will also be on GMT plus three, while in the Soviet Union clocks will be one hour in front of that.

The synchronised change aims to simplify cross-border communications.

Most Common Market countries re-introduced summer time — enforced in some countries during World War Two — about eight

years ago as an energy-saving device.

Experts estimate that the change allows electricity saving of between 0.2 per cent and two per cent according to country.

But they say it could increase oil consumption as motorists tend to use their cars more for evening outings.

National differences can still produce odd results, however. In divided Cyprus, for example, the Greek shift to summer time will bring clocks forward in the island, while there will be no change in the Turkish section.

To complicate matters, Eur-

opean countries have not yet agreed to end summer time on the same date. Britain and Ireland are blocking Common Market efforts to agree on reverting to winter time on Sept. 23, preferring to switch back four weeks later, baffled officials in Brussels said.

The following countries changed to summer time on the morning of Sunday, March 28: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Britain, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France East and West, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLESS DIRTY FIRING INDOOR
Answer: In this situation, you'll be very close to a fight—RINGSIDE

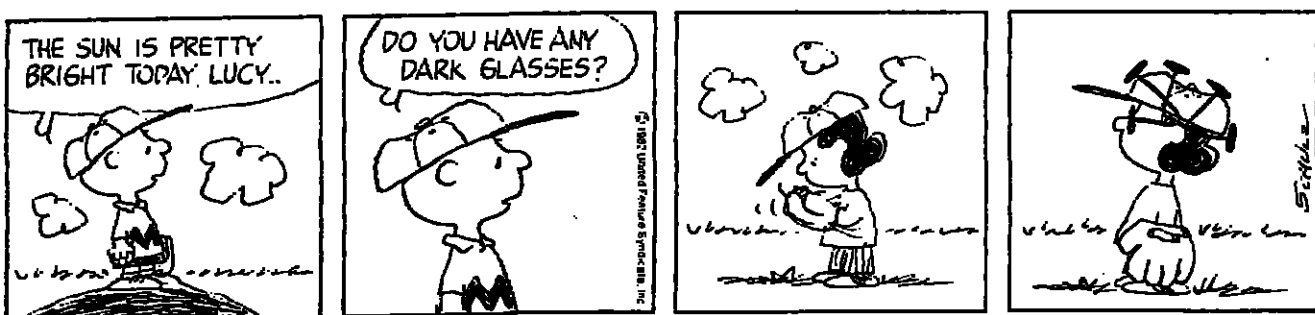


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By Vinson



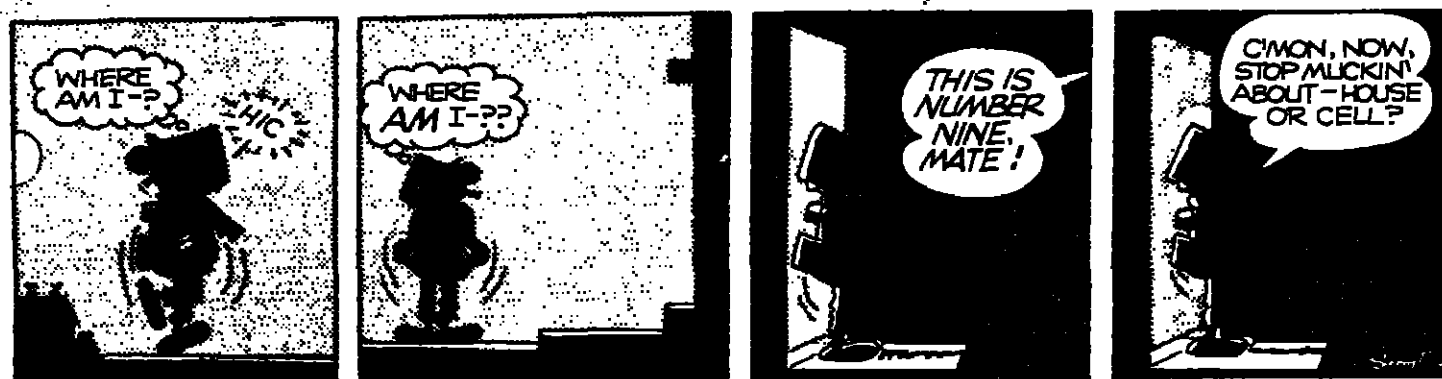
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FORECAST FOR MONDAY, MAR. 29, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are able to proceed with plans of magnitude, so start the new workweek on a constructive note and get excellent results. Keep alert at all times and avoid possible trouble.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Take time to perfect your talents early in the day and then bring them to the attention of higher-ups who can help you.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make sure you attend to home duties before you step out for amusements. Later show loved one true devotion.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Figure out a practical way that could give you added income in the days ahead. Be sure to use care in motion now.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get an early start in handling monetary affairs and gain benefits. Show others that you can be relied upon.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Morning is fine for taking care of personal matters and getting fine results. Be wise later in the handling of money matters.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be alert to all that is going on about you early in the day and later you can straighten out financial entanglements.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan how to please good friends and gain their goodwill. Obtain information you need from the right sources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Complete work you are engaged in and make a fine impression on higher-ups. Take no risks with your health now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You may find it difficult to get started on your work today, but persevere and you can accomplish a great deal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Handle your duties wisely early in the day and then look into new projects that are promising. Gain a new perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Keep your end of bargain with associates for mutual gain. Carry through with new interest you have been studying.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Take time to complete any pending work and discuss future with partners. Show increased loyalty to loved one.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have the ability at seeing things in true perspective from earliest childhood, so be sure to give praise and encouragement where deserved. Give a progressive education and your progeny will be successful.

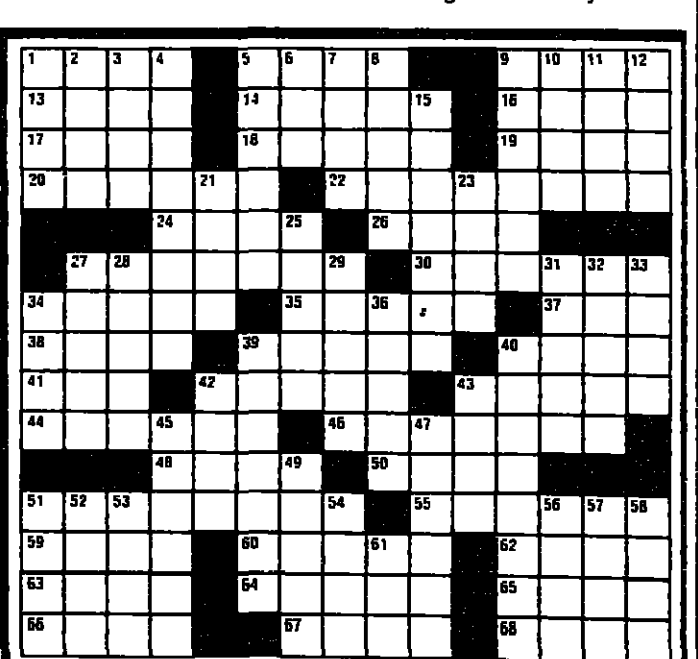
"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword

By T. Richard Mora

ACROSS	30 Parson	51 Fence	21 Firearms
1 Call it a day	34 Nibbles on	52 sinner's answer	23 — and void
5 Forum wear	35 "Lonesome George"	55 Hawk	25 Sweetener
9 — dive	37 Lennon's mate	59 Designing	27 Make one
13 Disconnect	38 Tie-in	60 Alabama	28 Instrument board
14 What fleers head for	39 Bellow and namesakes	62 Eye: Fr.	29 Bulks
16 Trademark	40 Footnote	63 Oenology	31 Sherwood
17 Article	41 Indian	64 Tatum	32 First letters: abbr.
18 Wash out	42 Major blood vessel	65 Sponds	33 Musical piece
19 Ardor	43 Loos or Louise	66 Young men	34 Woebegone
20 Remedial measure	44 Acting	67 Playthings	36 Listless moods
22 Pacer's course	45 Witch doctors	68 Neap or ebb	39 Unnamed one
24 Attila and	46 — Lisa		40 Erratic in performance
26 Comfortable	48 — Gyrate		42 Soon
27 On the — (above-board)			43 Friend
			44 Franchise
			45 Pictures
			47 Dismays: var.
			49 About
			51 Caterwaul
			52 Charles
			53 Transmit
			54 Ersatz
			56 Lamb
			57 Stretched the truth
			58 Other
			61 Day, apple, or fly

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WORLD

French step up security as Carlos deadline nears

PARIS (R) — French police have intensified security around President Francois Mitterrand and senior ministers, fearing the international terrorist "Carlos" could strike after a deadline he set expires this week, police sources said Sunday.

In his ultimatum, handed to the French embassy in the Hague on March 1, the Venezuelan-born terrorist, known in some countries as "The Jackal," gave the authorities one month to release two members of his organisation arrested in Paris in February.

The ultimatum, written in Spanish and signed with two thumbprints authenticated by the French DST security police, singled out Interior Minister Gaston Deferre, in charge of the national police, as the main target.

French newspapers said this weekend the police were taking the threat particularly seriously because they have uncovered a connection between the shadowy international network operated by Carlos and French extremist groups.

The interior ministry and police spokesmen declined to comment on the detailed reports.

Mr. Deferre said in an interview on Radio Monte Carlo Saturday that he had taken measures to ensure the safety of the president after receiving the Car-

los threat.

"Carlos is not a nobody. He is considered to be the number one terrorist in world terms," he said.

Carlos, who is wanted worldwide for a series of hijackings and murders in the 1970s, had a reputation for acting on threats, interior ministry sources said.

Police sources said the DST and French police have been unable to locate the guerrilla, who is believed to operate a network with links to extremist organisations.

Carlos, born Ilich Ramirez Sanchez in 1949, is wanted in France for the killing of two DST officers and a Lebanese informer who came to arrest him at his Paris apartment in 1975.

Police also believe he led an attack on the French embassy in the Hague in 1974 on behalf of Japanese guerrillas and that he carried out a grenade attack that killed two people in Paris the same year.

The police investigation has centred on the couple claimed in the Carlos letter to be members of his network, arrested on Feb. 16 in an underground car park in central Paris.

Police have named the couple as Magdalena Kaupp, a 34-year-old West German citizen linked with the Baader-Meinhof guerrilla organisation, and Bruno Breguet, 31, a Swiss national who has ser-

ved a prison term in Israel on explosives charges.

Police said the two were arrested with five kilograms of a rare plastic explosive and detonators after they were challenged by two private security guards who suspected their Peugeot car had been stolen.

Justice sources said the couple had refused cooperation with the examining magistrate dealing with the case and would stand trial shortly on charges of carrying arms and explosives, using false papers and driving a car with false number plates.

The magazine Le Point and other newspapers reported this weekend that the police had traced the Peugeot-504 to known members of the extremist Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) which is believed to be behind a string of bomb attacks in Corsica and Paris and the killing of a legionnaire last month.

Several hours after Mr. Breguet and Mr. Kaupp were arrested on Feb. 16, a total of 19 bombs blasted shops banks and other property in Paris.

A Carlos connection with the Corsican separatists would confirm European police reports that the terrorist was currently building up a network of extremists in Europe, according to Le Point.

Salvador elections start amid explosions, gunfights

SAN SALVADOR (Agencies) — Polling opened Sunday to the sound of machine-gun and mortar fire as security forces fought guerrillas trying to disrupt El Salvador's constituent assembly elections.

While national guardsmen patrolled streets in the almost deserted capital of San Salvador, long queues formed at polling stations. But few people ventured out except to vote.

Firing and sporadic explosions could be heard from the surrounding hillsides in a continuation of overnight clashes in the capital. Security forces said bombs exploded near two markets but no injuries were reported.

In the San Antonio Abad neighbourhood, a group of about 30 guerrillas took over a polling station shortly before it was to open and held it until crack government troops forced them out, killing at least eight guerrillas, residents and a candidate for the assembly said.

The incident delayed the scheduled opening of the polling station by about an hour. Isolated shooting could be heard in the neighbourhood and a helicopter flew overhead. Residents stood outside their houses and watched, but there did not appear to be many people waiting to get into the polling station.

It was not immediately clear how many other polling stations were affected by guerrilla attacks, but gunfire rattled at least six sections of San Salvador before dawn and several bombs were heard.

S. Africa develops 'super weapon'

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South Africa has developed a devastating "super weapon" capable of carrying nuclear warheads, a Johannesburg newspaper reported Sunday.

The Sunday Times quoted Commandant P.G. Marais, chairman of the South African arms firm Armscor, as saying the new G5 155-millimetre artillery system was more accurate than any similar weapon in the world.

His comments came in the wake of a U.S. congressional report last week which said bungling by the American administration, and probably a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent, had helped a U.S. firm violate an arms embargo against South Africa.

South Africa has now produced an artillery system which no enemy would be able to disregard, Commandant Marais said.

"I personally believe there is at present a major outcry in America about us because people refuse to believe that a country like South Africa could produce a 155-millimetre weapon which makes their system look like toys," he added.

Bangladesh military ruler sets 2 years for return of democracy

DACCA (R) — Bangladesh's new military leader, Lt.-Gen. Hossain Mohammad Ershad, has said that his time frame for continuing military rule in the country is two years.

He told his first press conference here on Saturday since last Wednesday's bloodless coup, that if the conditions were right after two years he would allow a referendum or elections for a return to democracy.

"I have already explained I want to restore democracy as soon as possible. But this is going to be a democracy which will be consistent with the hopes and aspirations of the people... this democracy should serve the people and not master them," he said.

Gen. Ershad, 52, said corruption had reached intolerable levels in this poverty-stricken nation of 89 million people.

He said former President Abdus Sattar was an honest man, but that he had lost control of his ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and nobody was prepared to take decisions despite an economic crisis facing the country.

At least 230 people, including a former deputy prime minister and four ex-ministers, have been arrested and are under investigation following the coup which ousted President Sattar's four-month-old government.

Gen. Ershad said political activity, at present banned under

martial law, might be restored within six months if conditions were right.

There would be a return to

democracy after two years and the political system would be decided in elections or if necessary in a referendum.

Chinese journalist jailed for 'leaking state secrets'

PEKING (A.P.) — A Chinese editor has been sentenced to five years in prison for giving a foreigner secret information about a key Communist Party meeting last year, "causing the state to suffer great damage," the People's Daily reported Sunday.

The Communist Party newspaper said an appeal to the Peking high court by Li Guangyi, 64, former leading member of the editorial board of China Finance and Trade Journal, was turned down on Saturday.

The paper said the punishment would "have an important effect in teaching employees of the state to strictly protect party and state secrets."

It also urged vigilance against "the small number of foreign agents, spies and others with ulterior motives" who take advantage of China's greater opening to the outside world to try to obtain secrets.

The People's Daily did not identify the foreigner in Mr. Li's case, nor specify the "great damage"

caused by the leak. It said Mr. Li leaked information about the party central committee meeting last June that adopted a key resolution criticising "leftist" mistakes of the late Chairman Mao Tse Tung. The meeting also removed Chairman Mao's chosen successor, Hua Guofeng, and elected Hu Yaobang as the party's new chairman.

Although it acknowledged Chairman Mao's contributions to the Chinese revolution, it upheld China's current top leader, Deng Xiaoping, on every point where he disagreed with Chairman Mao.

The issue of evaluating Chairman Mao has been sensitive because he is considered the founder of the People's Republic and still is widely revered. Some people in the party insisted that whatever he had decided or had done was right.

The paper said Li had told a foreigner the time, place and agenda of the meeting and the contents of documents being discussed, and had described some of the discussions and revisions.

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